

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Fredericktown Lions Club, which will be honored with the Fredericktown Chamber of Commerce Elite Service Award during the organization's annual awards banquet to be held March 8, 2003; and

Whereas, the Elite Service Award is presented to an individual or group which has exhibited outstanding leadership skills in a particular program or project that has benefitted the community by emphasizing its assets, programs, or activities; and

Whereas, since its inception, the Fredericktown Lions Club has continually reached out with great drive and enthusiasm to those in the Fredericktown community who have needed a helping hand by sponsoring a wide variety of programs and projects that have assisted the community in many ways; and

Whereas, for the past thirty-nine years, the Fredericktown Lions Club has sponsored an Annual Rodeo, which now ranks among the Top Fifty in the International Pro Rodeo Association and Third in the state of Missouri, and the Annual Monster Bull Tour, a majority of the proceeds of which were given to the Backstoppers Program following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in support of the firefighters who risked their lives at Ground Zero of the World Trade Center; and

Whereas, each year the Fredericktown Lions Club makes a donation to the Eye Tissue Bank, collects eye glasses for less fortunate individuals in the community, and purchases new glasses when necessary; and

Whereas, the Fredericktown Lions Club has also installed wheel chair ramps, contributed more than \$10,000 to the flood victims of 1999, and purchased a digital camera for a local preschool after learning the class had to borrow one in order to take the many pictures that decorated its classroom; and

Whereas, the Fredericktown Lions Club supports local youth by sponsoring the Madison County 4-H Rodeo Program as well as the Fredericktown School District's Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week and by contributing to the Madison County Foundation, which provides Christmas gifts to children who might not otherwise receive any:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to the members of the Fredericktown Lions Club at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to provide invaluable service to the Fredericktown community; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Elite Service Award recipient, the Fredericktown Lions Club of Fredericktown, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rod Jetton
Speaker Pro Tem
District No. 156

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 741, adopted March 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker